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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

As you know, Microsoft has been undergoing a three-year lawsuit by the US government and I'm using this opportunity to voice the opinion of the average American consumer.

I am an IT professional and use the products of many vendors including Microsoft's. My colleagues and I have stated many times that Microsoft has been the main contributor to the success and growth of the industry. This lawsuit has given an unfair advantage to other software providers who seem to be capitalizing on this misfortune.

What we need to do is move this case out of Federal Court once and for all and stop wasting the time and money of American people. Microsoft should not have to be spending its budget on legal matters, instead, investing it on creating new more efficient software to bring our world further into the technological evolution that we've headed in. Microsoft has played a phenomenal role in the success of our country's economy, both locally and globally, and for the good of all consumers, seeing Microsoft free from litigation will help boost this recession we're in out the door.

The settlement should be embraced to make supporters and competitors satisfied with the procession of production in the IT industry and the competitive market. The settlement will ensure the compliance of Microsoft's actions as pro-competitive. Let our country move on from this lawsuit and get on with more serious issues plaguing our nation. I thank you for your attention and ongoing support for the American consumers.

Sincerely,

Timothy McGinnis